

Court decided that if the admixture of a little water with the wine is not done as a ceremonial part during the service, it is not against the law of the Church.

2d. Taking the Ablutions after the Communion. This charge was dismissed.

3d. The Eastward position. It was held that whilst the eastward position is not unlawful, the manual acts in the consecration of the bread and wine must be performed so that they can be seen by the communicants.

4th. Singing the "Agnus." It was decided that the singing of this anthem, which consists of two verses taken out the Bible, is not unlawful.

5th. Altar lights. It is decided that two lights, standing on the altar, not for the purpose of giving light, during the administration of the Holy Communion, is not against the law of the Church of England.

6th. Making the sign of the cross in benediction of the congregation or when administering the sacred elements in the Eucharist. It was ordered that this be discontinued, as being unauthorized by the Church.

This judgment has been most favorably mentioned by the public press, on all sides, and is giving much satisfaction to all but a few extremists.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S JUDGMENT.

The London Guardian thus counsels moderation and salutary delay, and this on one side as well as on the other. "If six candles should not at once be reduced to two, so neither should unlighted candles be at once lighted. Nothing will do so much to secure ultimate acquies-

cence in the judgment as moderation and tact in obeying it." With the same wise caution and moderation, the president of the English Church Union, Viscount Halifax, writes to the branches of that powerful organization suggesting that at the next celebration of the Holy Communion every member make a special act of thanksgiving for the prospects of peace which the terms of the judgment seem to secure. The principles and tenor, he says, of the judgment, vindicating as they do the historic rights and continuity of the Church of England, are such as may well elicit, when they recall the history of the past, the thanks and gratitude of the Church of England. At the same time he earnestly deprecates any attempt to force unaccustomed ritual on unwilling clergy or congregations, or to insist upon a rigid uniformity, which he calls erroneous in theory and impossible in practice. Finally, he expresses the hope that in view of the very real and increasing desire on all sides to minimize differences, and to draw together in the common work against sin, infidelity, and misbelief "no attempt will be made in the future, on one side or the other, to interfere with long accustomed usage in the way of ritual, against the good will of the parishoners."

Such expressions as these from the principal organ of Church opinion on the one hand, and from one of the most distinguished leaders of the Church party on the other, are sufficient to show that our anticipations with regard to the general satisfaction with the judgment, have been justified by the event.—*Living Church*.